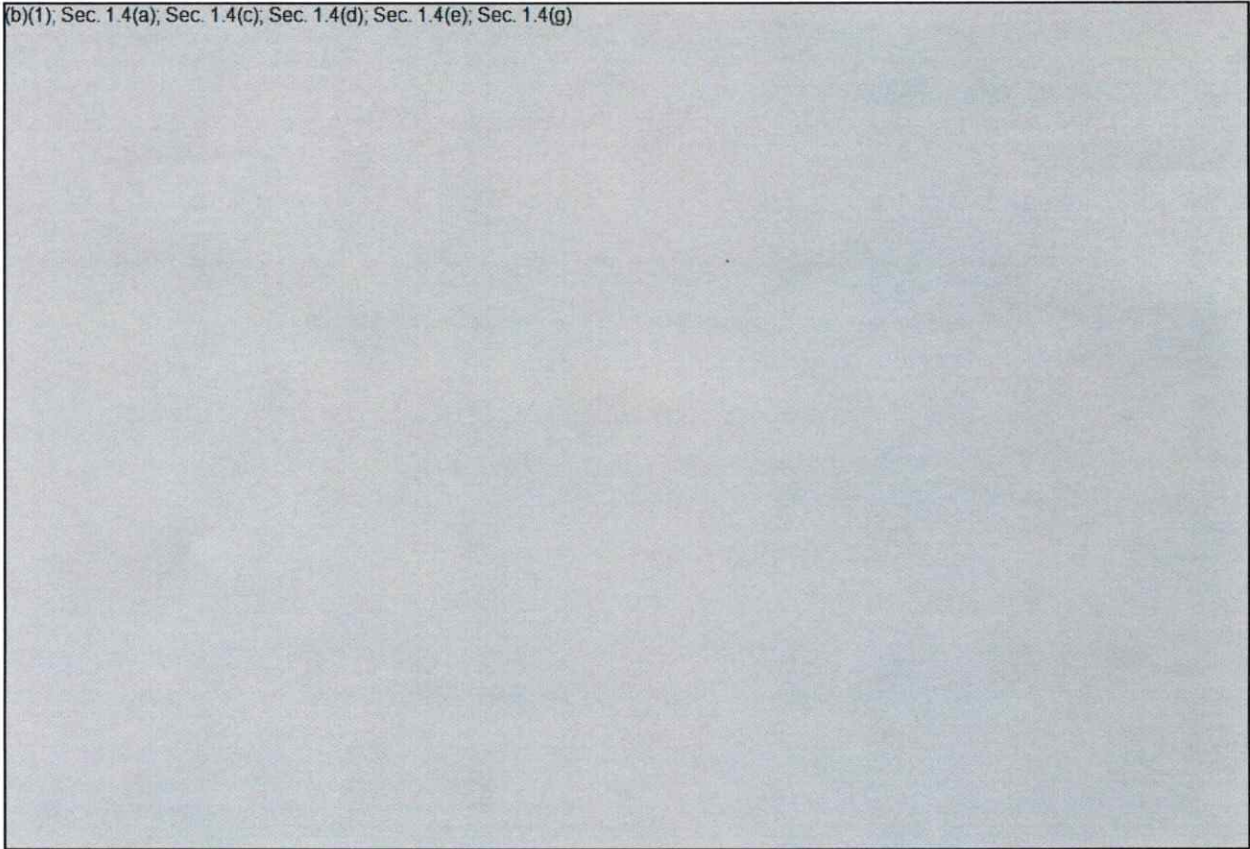


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DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: (U) 2025 Interim National Defense Strategic Guidance

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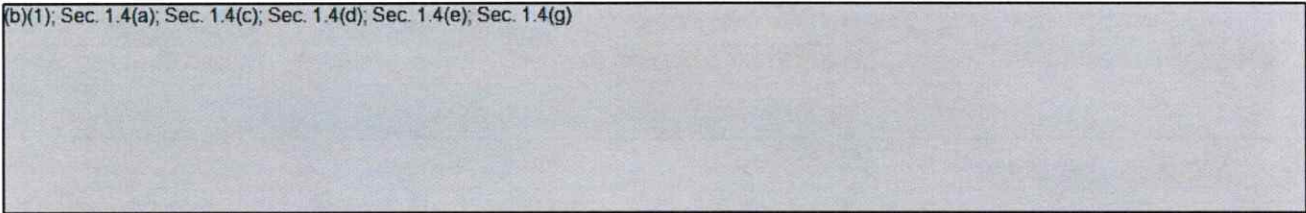
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2025 INTERIM NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Introduction

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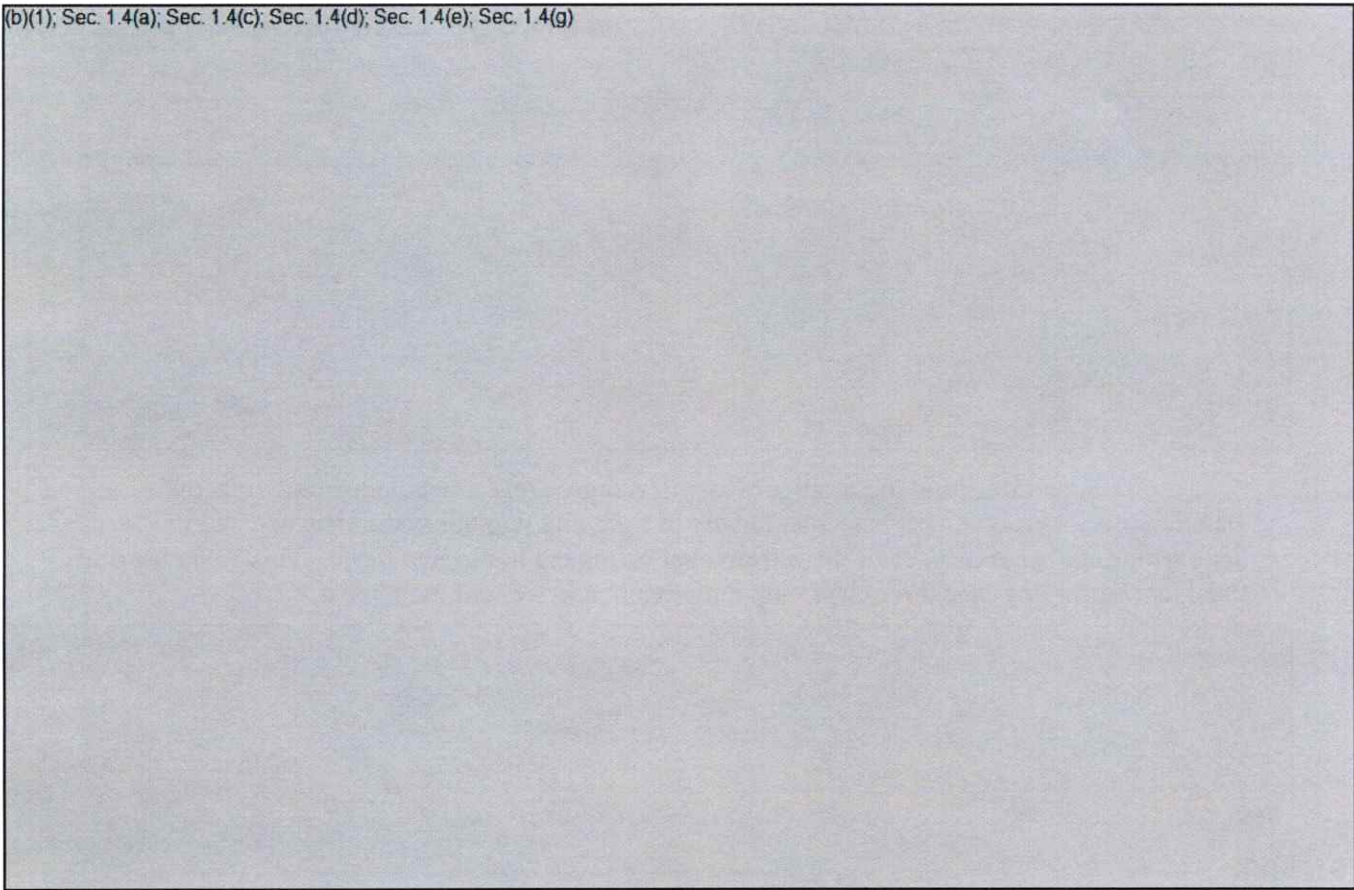


(U) President Trump has committed to restoring *peace through strength* in the face of these threats. To that end, the Department of Defense will act urgently to strengthen U.S. homeland defenses and deter Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific, while empowering U.S. allies and partners to lead efforts against other threats with critical but more limited U.S. support. In doing so, DoD, working alongside other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government, can set conditions for durable peace around the world, consistent with President Trump's intent.

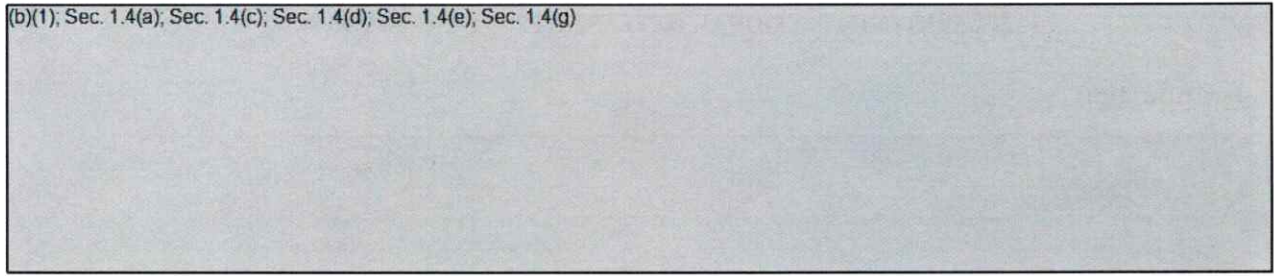
(U) This Interim National Defense Strategic Guidance provides guidance and direction to that effect. This document supersedes the 2022 National Defense Strategy (NDS) effective immediately and will remain in force until the release of the next NDS.

International Environment

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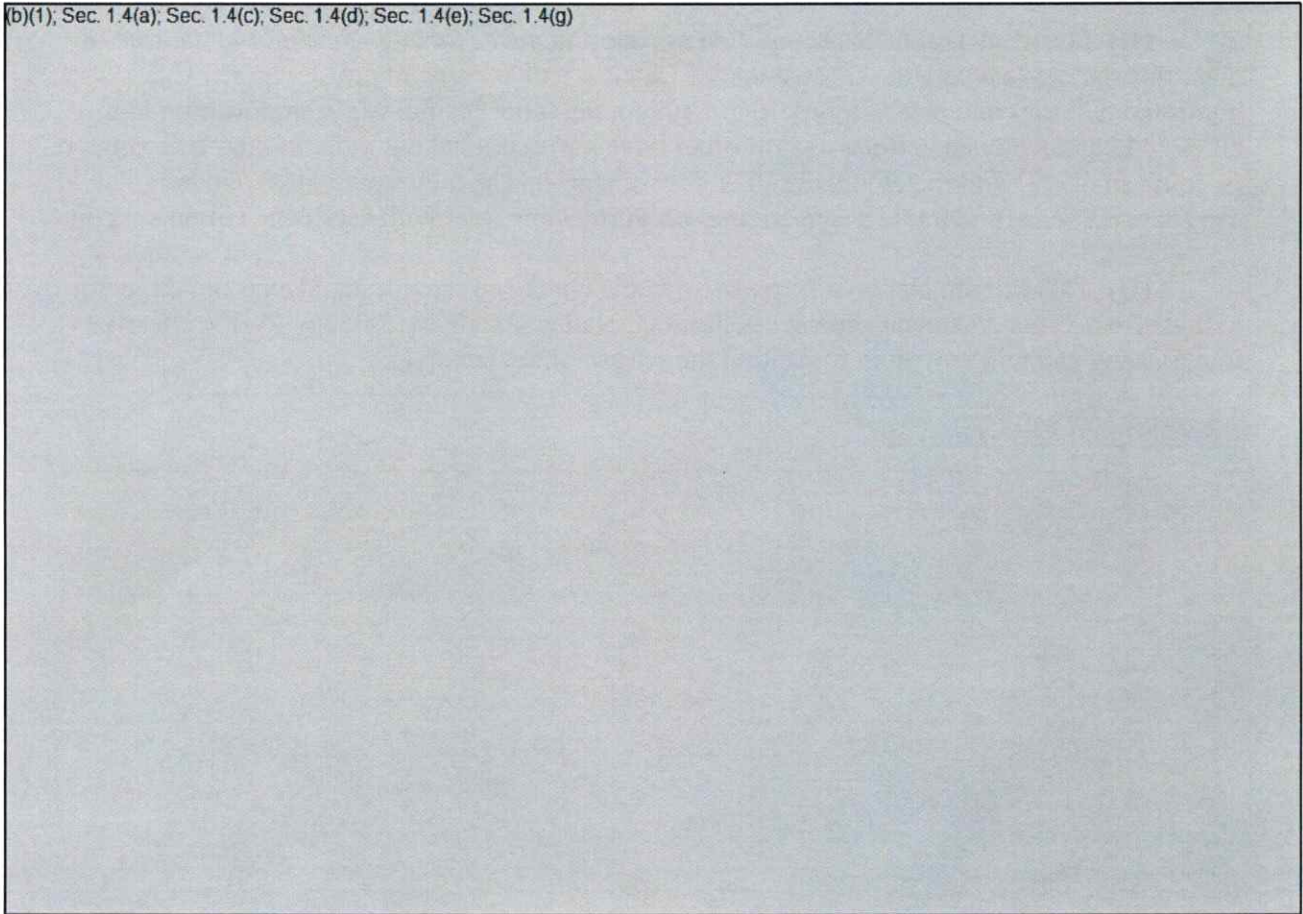


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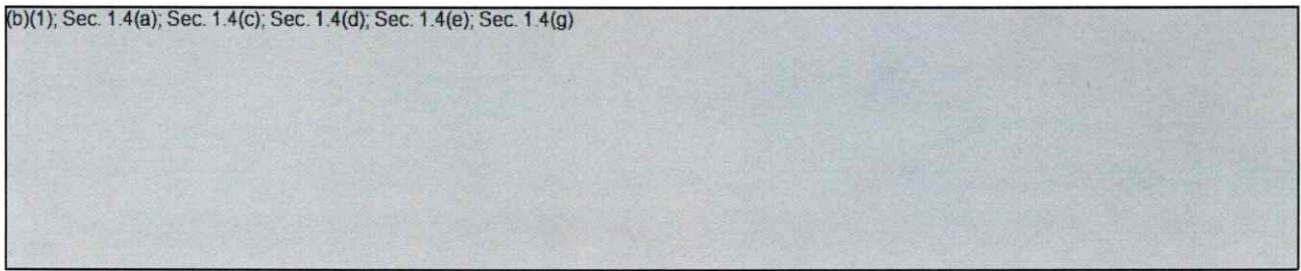
Strategic Approach

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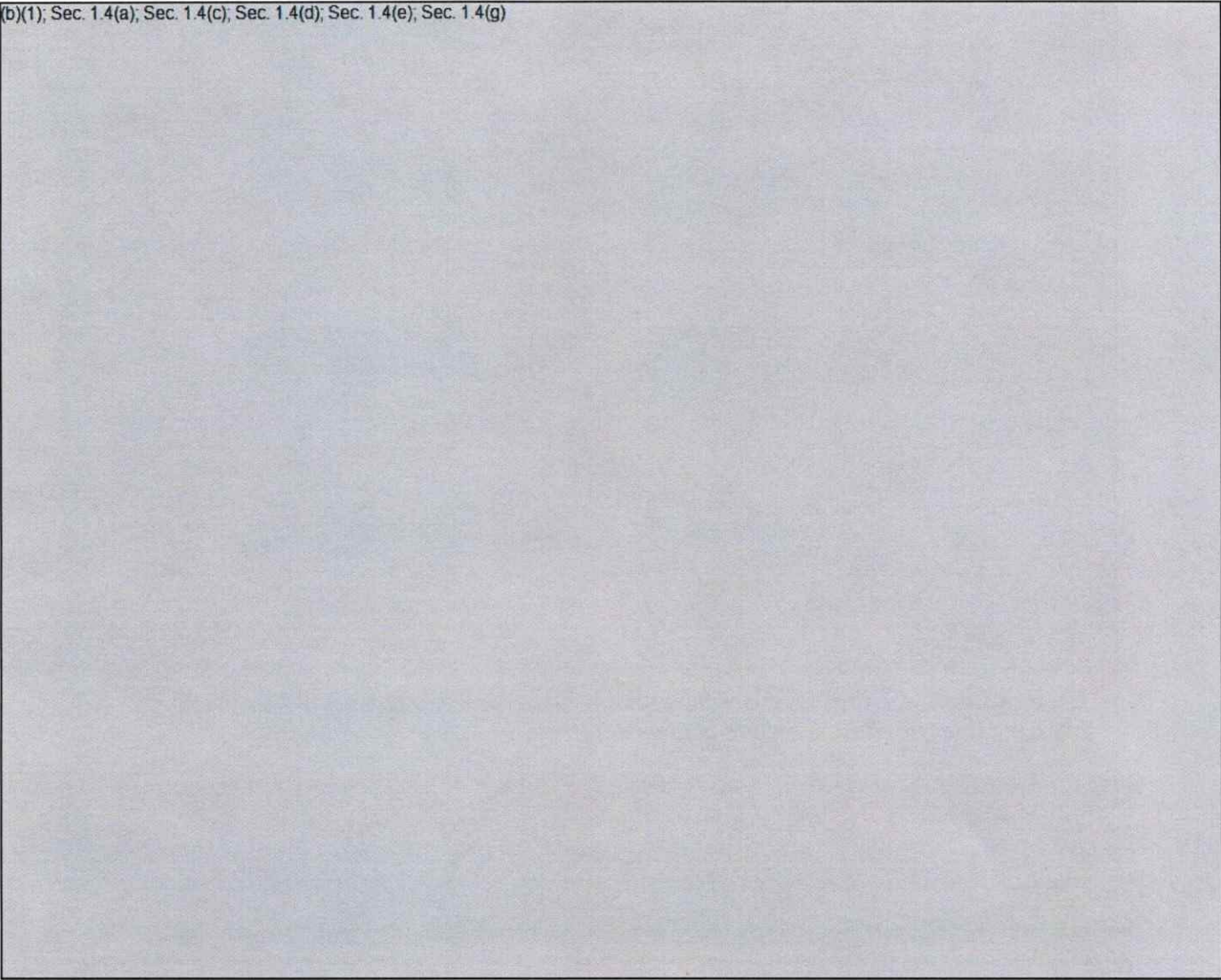


(U) Accomplishing these objectives will require DoD to wholeheartedly readopt a warrior ethos. Our core task is to stand ready to fight and win our Nation's wars, and in demonstrating that ability, deter them from ever occurring in the first place. This is the heart of President Trump's peace through strength approach, and we will embrace it.

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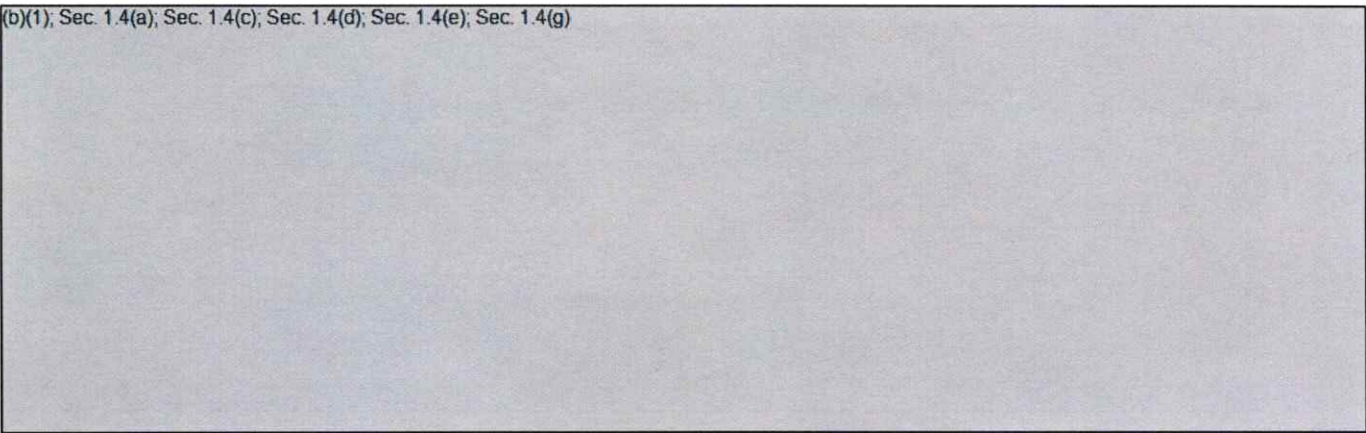
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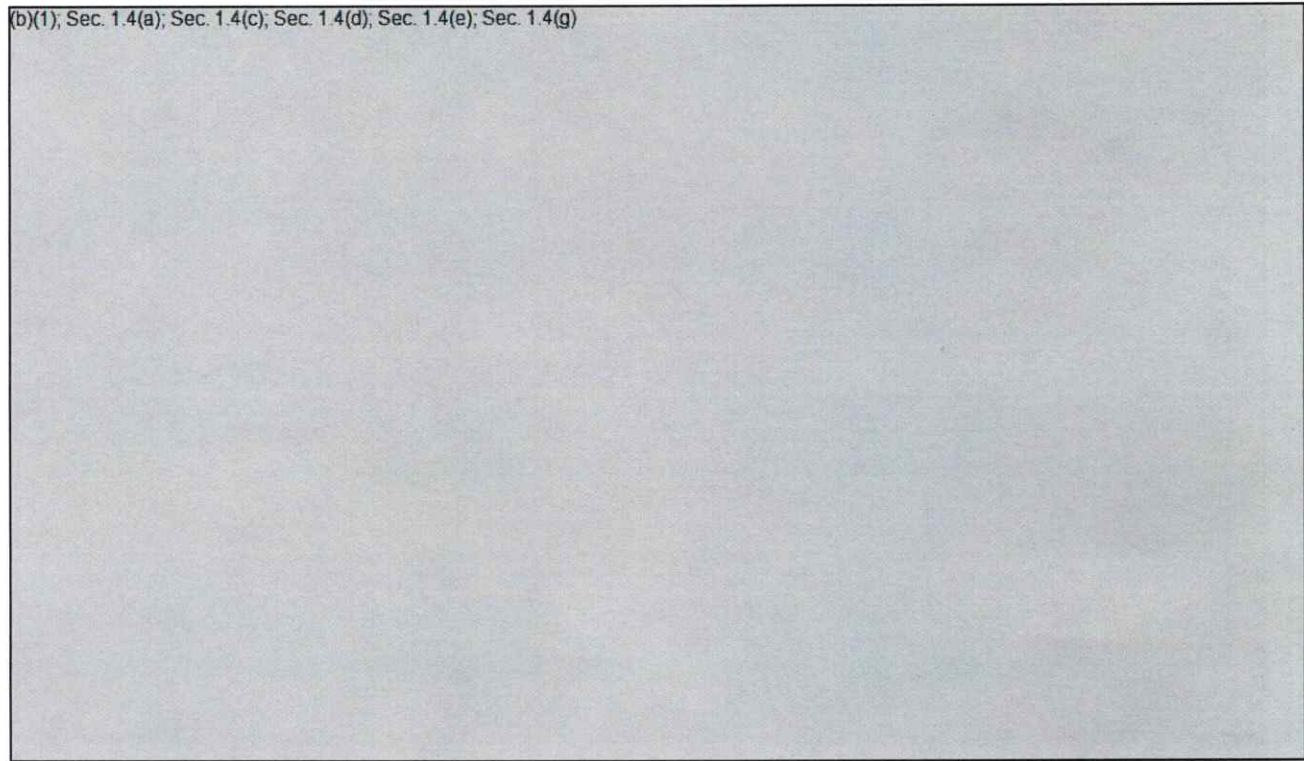
DoD Lines of Effort

(U) **Force Planning Construct.** Consistent with these defense priorities, the Department will adopt the following force planning construct (FPC), effective immediately:

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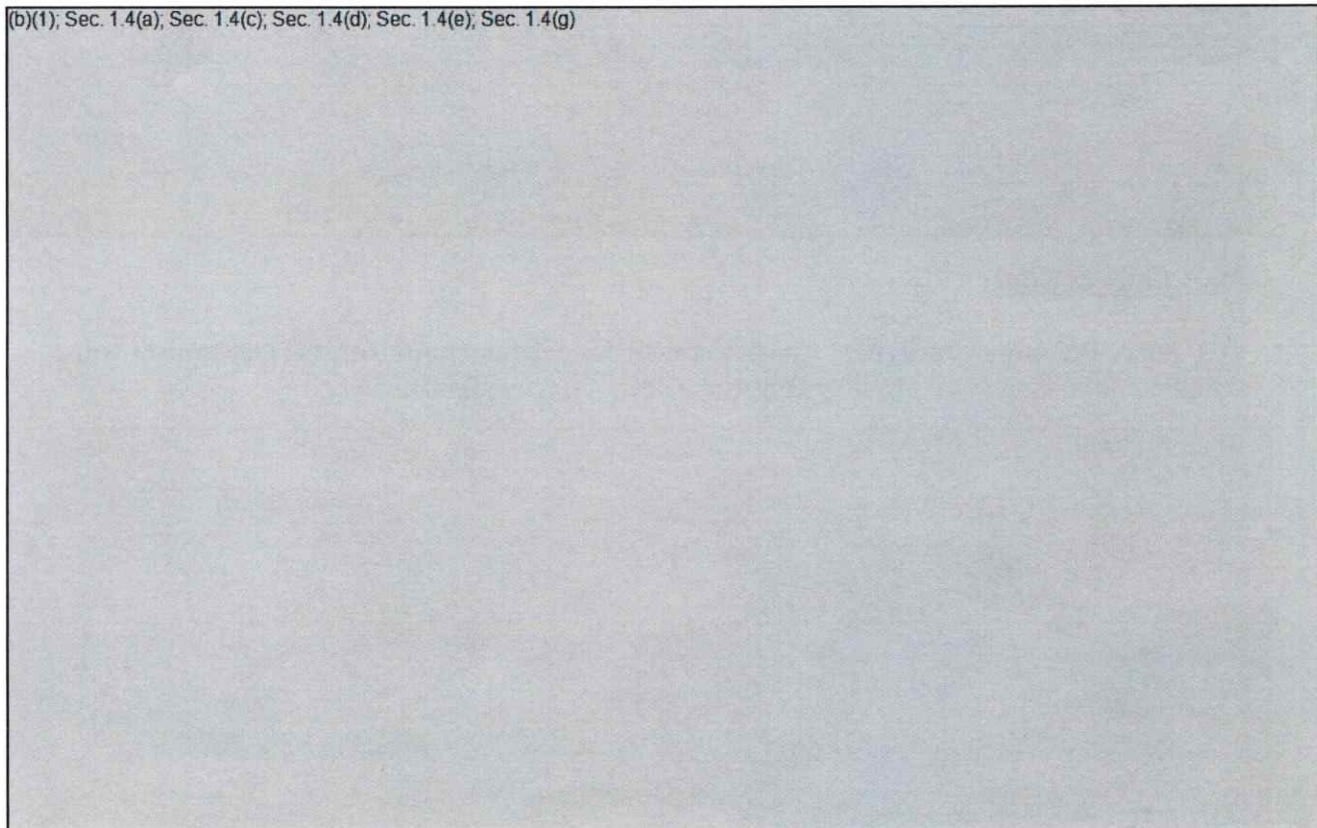


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(U) **Key Lines of Effort.** Consistent with this FPC, the Department will execute on the following lines of effort, effective immediately:

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